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The diagram illustrates a distributed information system architecture. At the top, a dashed line labeled 20 separates the 'Enterprise Group' (24) from the 'Organization' (22) level. Below this, two 'Organization' blocks are shown, each containing multiple 'Collaboration Group' units. Each 'Collaboration Group' contains 'Individual' (ovals) and 'TMS' (rectangles) components, with various interconnections. The left organization is labeled 26, and the right is labeled 30. Below the organizations is a 'Network' (44) represented by a horizontal bar. Arrows indicate data flow from the organizations through the network to a 'Card Catalog' (40) and a 'Bookshelf' (42). The Card Catalog contains an 'Entry' (46a) and the Bookshelf contains an 'Entry' (46b). The entire system is labeled 40.

FIG. 1

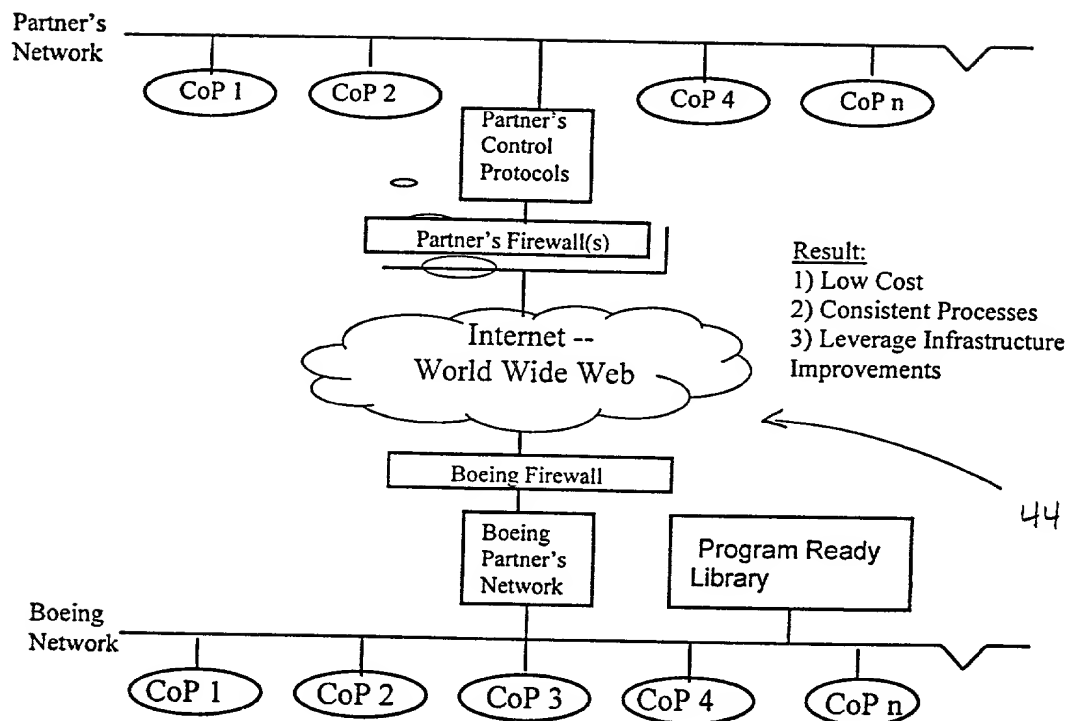


FIG. 2

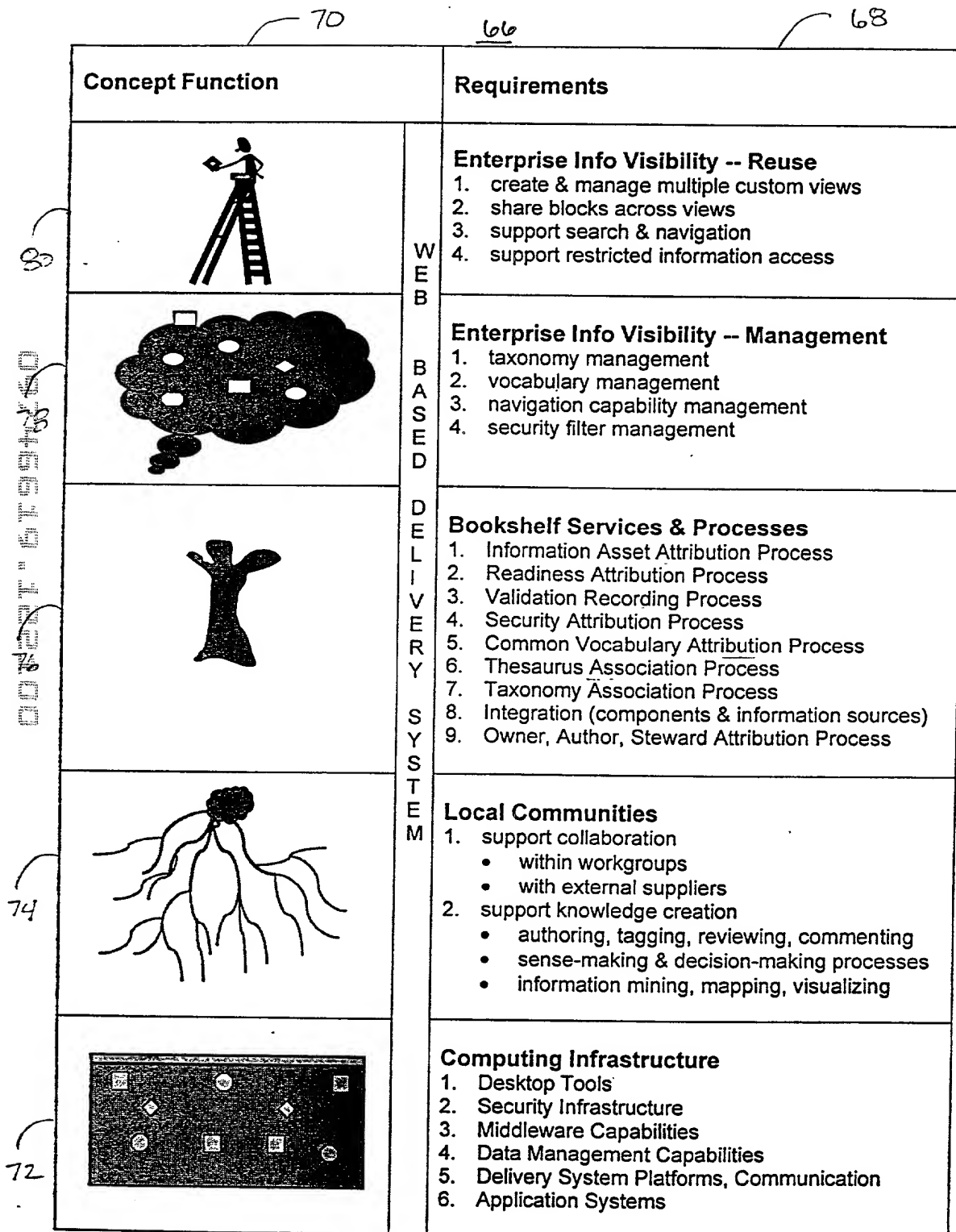


FIG. 3

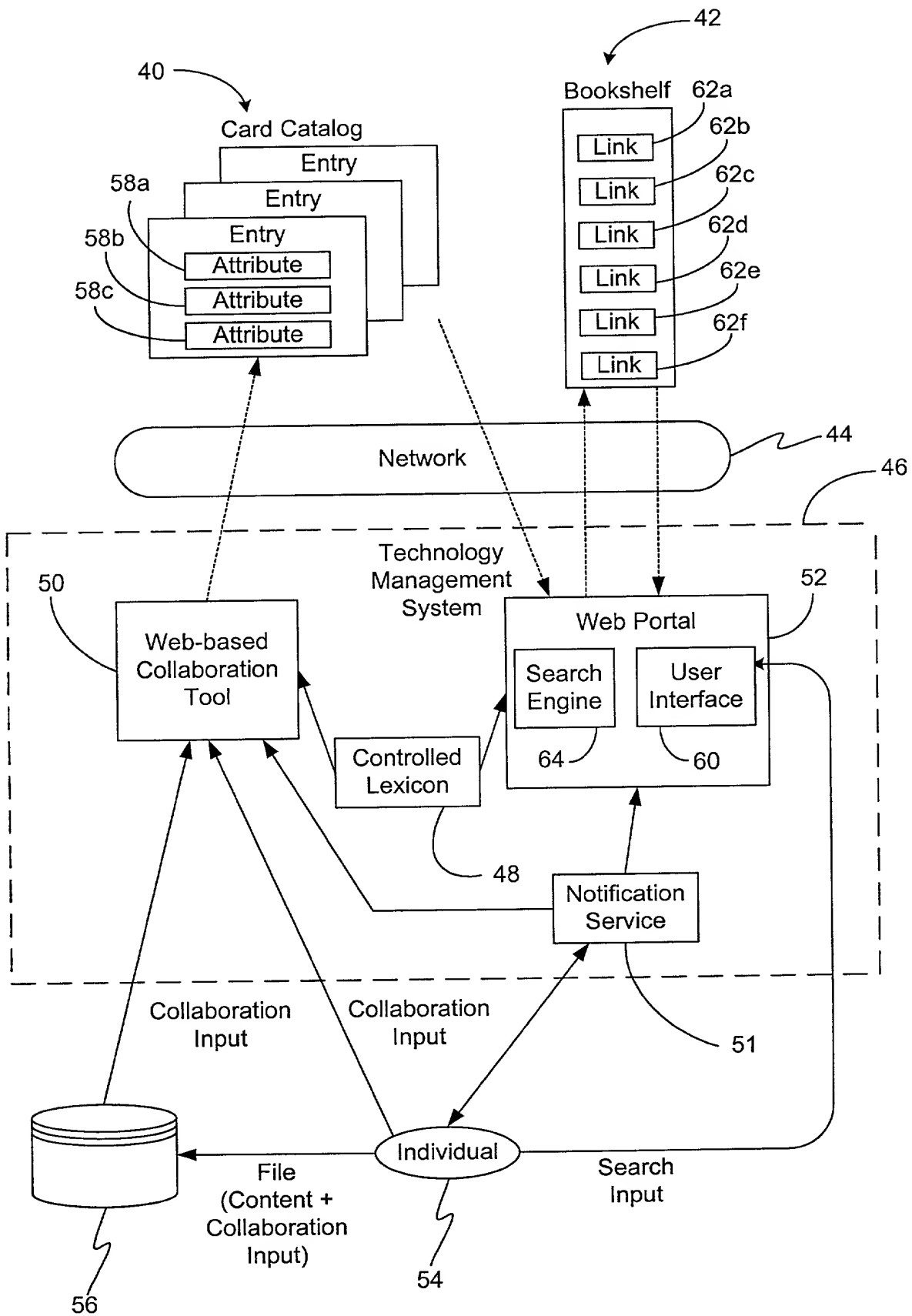
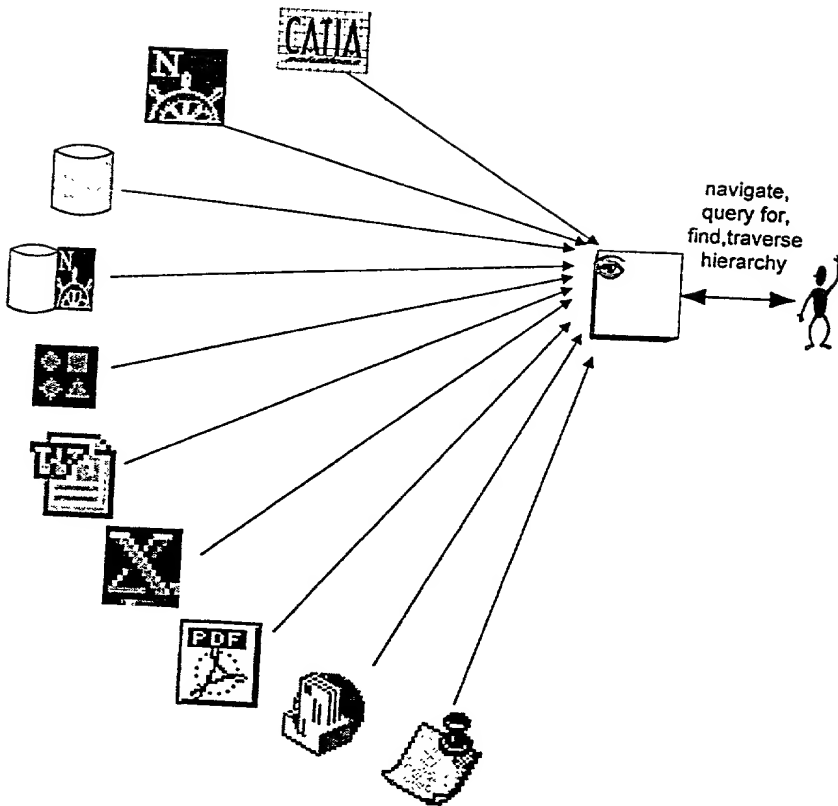


FIG. 4

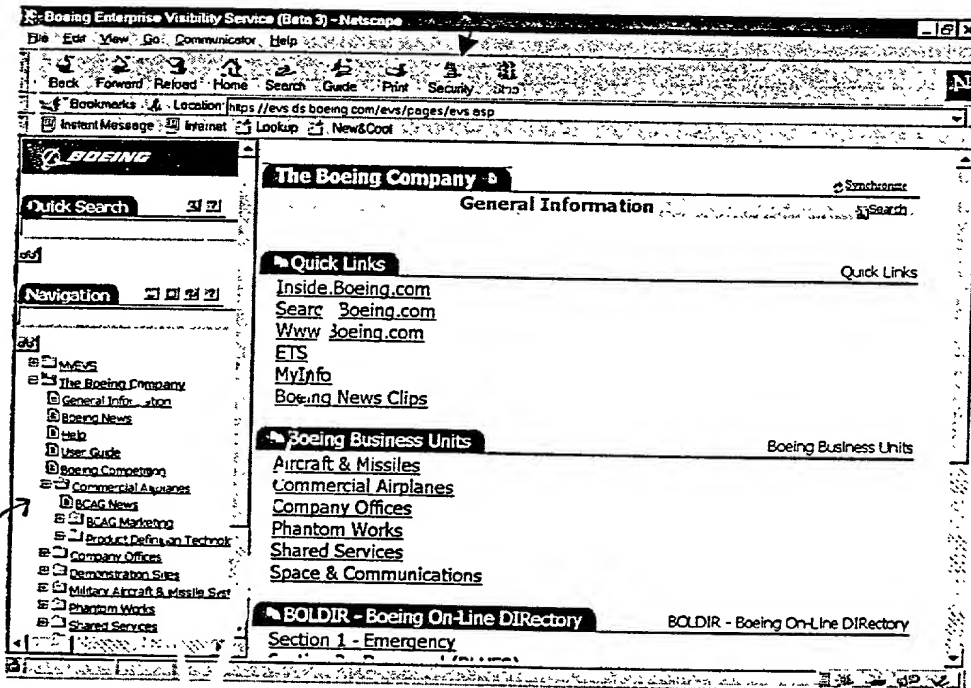
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FIG. 5



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FIG. 6

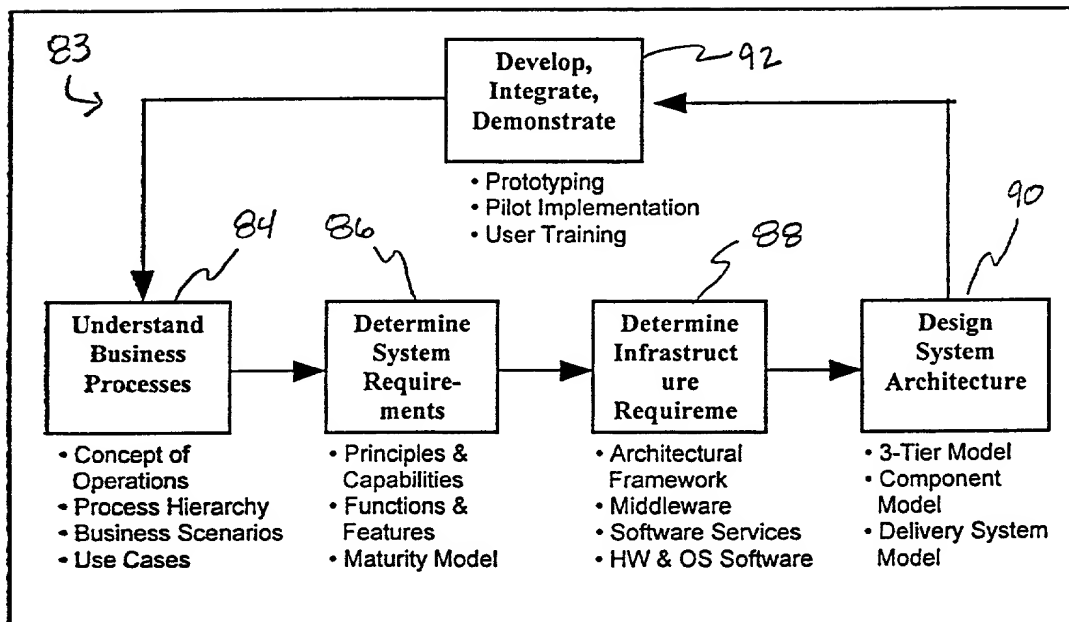


FIG. 7